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Paul, here are some comments.

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Paul, I have the following suggested changes to this recommendation under Drinking Water Treatment and Distribution

The state is already taking the maximum set-aside for technical assistance. The state could increase the set-aside taken for capacity development, but that would take away funds from water systems for making improvements. In addition, with the restrictions on hiring new staff, increasing the set-aside will probably increase the amount of money that is getting spent.

4. The state should consider increasing the set-aside for capacity building within the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to the maximum allowed by EPA for these purposes. Systems that serve large proportions or numbers of vulnerable populations, such as schools, should receive funding priority. The state should increase its formal partnerships with non-governmental organizations that are experienced in assisting small water systems in grant and loan applications, in order to reduce the bureaucracy separating community access to information and funding, address the most pressing public health risks, and ensure an equitable distribution of grant and loan funds. (Chapter 5, 5-52 to 5-53).

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